

The Town Crier

A Newsletter from the Town of Warrenton



Laura Bush Designates Warrenton a "Preserve America" Community

The Town of Warrenton won a rare honor August 30. First Lady Laura Bush designated it among the nation's newest "Preserve America" communities.

"Preserve America communities demonstrate that they are committed to preserving America's heritage while ensuring a future filled with opportunities for learning and enjoyment," Mrs. Bush said. "This new community designation program, combined with the Preserve America Presidential Awards and Federal support, provides strong incentives for continued preservation of our cultural and natural heritage resources. I commend you for your commitment to preserving an important part of our Nation's historic past for visitors, neighbors, and most, importantly, for children."

Mrs. Bush presented Mayor George Fitch with a certificate designating Warrenton as a Preserve America community.

The Preserve America initiative is a new White House effort to encourage and support community efforts for the preservation and enjoyment of America's priceless cultural and natural heritage. The goals of the initiative are to:

- ◆ Encourage a greater shared knowledge about our nation's past,
- ◆ Strengthen regional identities and local pride,
- ◆ Increase local participation in preserving cultural and natural heritage assets,
- ◆ Provide support for the economic vitality of our communities.

Communities designated through the program receive national recognition for their efforts. Other benefits include:

- ◆ Use of the Preserve America logo on signs and promotional materials,
- ◆ Notification to media, state tourism offices, and

visitor bureaus,

- ◆ Listing in a web-based directory to showcase preservation efforts and highlight heritage tourism destinations.

The Bush Administration's fiscal year 2005 budget contains a request for \$10-million in grant funds for which communities meeting the Preserve America criteria will be eligible to apply. These matching fund grants of \$50,000 to \$250,000 would be distributed on a competitive basis to projects that preserve and use important historic resources for promotion of heritage tourism and other economic revitalization projects.

"You are pioneers in this initiative, which shows just how proud the people of Warrenton, Virginia are of their town, state and their place in our nation's history,"

Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton said. "Each community's unique and diverse stories are part of the larger chapter of American heritage, culture and values. It is by visiting and experiencing these special



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places that we have an opportunity to touch the past, and can best understand how the past touches us."

The Department of the Interior partners with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to administer the Preserve America Community program on behalf of the Office of the First Lady. For more information and updates on the initiative, please visit www.PreserveAmerica.gov.

Mayor Fitch commented that a lot of people are responsible for this award. The current Council, past Councils, as well as past and current members of the Architectural Review Board and Planning Commission, have worked hard to try to preserve the unique character of our community, while promoting its historic and cultural heritage. Other contributory groups include the Warrenton Garden Club (with its landscaping efforts), the John Singleton Mosby Museum Foundation, the Partnership for Warrenton, Warrenton Tree Board, Warrenton Historical Society and property owners who take pride in maintaining their properties.

"A well-written application influences selection and, therefore, I wish to acknowledge the Town's Zoning Administrator, Andrew Hushour, for the excellent job he did in preparing our application highlighting the Town's accomplishments which has allowed us to be just one of three Virginia communities to receive this award," Fitch said. ■

Trash Bags, Anyone?

You've marked the date on your calendar. You're itchy with anticipation as the day draws near. The excitement is almost unbearable! Yes, that's right, it's time to get your annual supply of free trash and recycling bags from the Town of Warrenton.

Distribution of bags begins October 15th. For those citizens new to the Town of Warrenton, the Town gives out one (1) free box of one hundred (100) trash bags to each residence per year. Also the

Town furnishes residents and businesses with blue bags for recycling.

You can pick up your bags at the Public Works Facility at 360 Falmouth Street, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Public Works will also be open on Saturday,

January 8, 2005 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM for those individuals who cannot make it in during our regular hours. If you have any questions call Public Works at (540) 347-1858.

Identification will be required in order to pick up your bags. (Driver's license, utility bill or tax receipt, etc. Anything with your name and address on it will do.) ■



"This Isn't Kansas, Toto"

Town of Warrenton and Fauquier County residents may have recently felt as though they were on their way to the land of Oz, as a string of tornados swept through the county on September 17. Because of the threat to the community, Warrenton residents may have heard a familiar sound they hadn't heard in quite a while -- the old fire siren at the Warrenton Fire Company was activated to sound the warning.

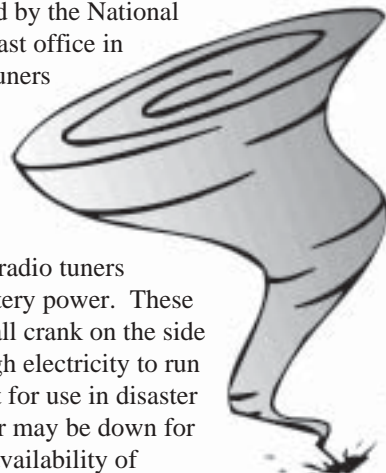


The siren, which used to summon volunteer firefighters from the community, was retired several years ago when a pager system took over its function. Now the siren is used to alert the public of possible disaster situations, such as tornados, terrorism or other emergencies.

New residents to the Town may have never heard the siren, and may have wondered what was happening. The siren is tested periodically, and these tests are well publicized. Residents who hear the siren at times other than its routine tests, should seek further information. Local television stations are a good source, as is WTOP radio (107.7 FM). Residents also can go to the Town website (www.warrentonva.gov) and click the crawler that says "Police News." Information will be available on the Fauquier Co. website as well (www.fauquiercounty.gov).

Another good suggestion for residents who want instant updates on emergencies is to purchase a scanner or weather radio which is capable of tuning in KHB-36, the NOAA station which transmits continuous weather information from a location near Independent Hill (162.550 MHz). It is maintained by the National Weather Service forecast office in Sterling, VA. These tuners are available in stores like Radio Shack for about \$50.

There also are several manufacturers producing multi-band radio tuners that do not require battery power. These sets, which have a small crank on the side which generates enough electricity to run the radio, are excellent for use in disaster situations where power may be down for a long while, and the availability of batteries is questionable. ■



It's Fall Clean-Up Time Again

Fall Clean Up Week for the Town of Warrenton is scheduled for the week of October 4th through 8th, 2004. Town trucks will provide extra collections in all residential areas to pick up trash, refuse and other items that cannot be handled on the regular weekly schedule.

All items are to be placed on the street line by 8:00 AM of the day scheduled for your area. No return trips can be made. All trash and refuse must be placed in proper containers. Tree trimmings and brush must be placed separately. Small clippings from bushes or shrubs should be bagged and placed with regular refuse. Town crews will not pick up tree trimmings and brush cut by tree companies or contractors; it is the responsibility of the contractor/company doing the work. All metal must be separated from wood and placed separately. Dirt, rocks, sod, old stumps and large logs will not be picked up.

New Disposal Fees In Effect This Year

A few years ago the Town began charging residents \$10 to have any item containing Freon (refrigerator, air conditioner, dehumidifier, etc.) picked up during cleanup week. This is the cost that the Fauquier Landfill charges to drain the Freon from the appliance. You can have your item

drained yourself, but you'll have to provide certification that it has been properly drained, or Town crews won't take it away.

This year the Fauquier County Landfill has established a few new fees for the disposal of certain items, and the charges will be passed on to Town residents requesting that these items be taken during fall Clean-up Week. Examples of these items include TV sets, computer monitors and copy machines. The reason for the new charges is because the Landfill is no longer taking these items. Therefore, they must be recycled, and the fees cover that.

In order to have these items taken away during Clean-Up Week, you'll have to make arrangements and pay the fee in advance. To do so, contact Public Works at (540) 347-1858. If the fee is not paid in advance, or if no arrangements have been made, the item will be left at the residence.

For more information on these changes at the Landfill, and the new fees for disposal, see the story below.

Fall Clean-Up Schedule

Area A: Monday, 10/4/04

Area B: Tuesday, 10/5/04

Area C: Wednesday, 10/6/04

Area D: Thursday, 10/7/04

Area E: Friday, 10/8/04

See area map on page 4. ■



New Landfill Fees In Effect for Some Items

As of July 1, 2004 the Fauquier County Landfill will no longer accept certain items. Instead, they must be recycled, and a fee will be required for each item in order to cover this. Here is a list of the specific items and the fee required for disposal:

CRT (cathode ray tube computer monitor): \$8.00
Television set: \$12.00
Console television: \$20.00
UPS back-up system: \$5.00
Large stand alone copy machine: \$80.00

These items can be taken to the landfill for recycling on the first of each month. They also can be taken to the Landfill by Town crews during fall Clean-Up Week, providing special arrangements have been made with the town, and the fees are paid

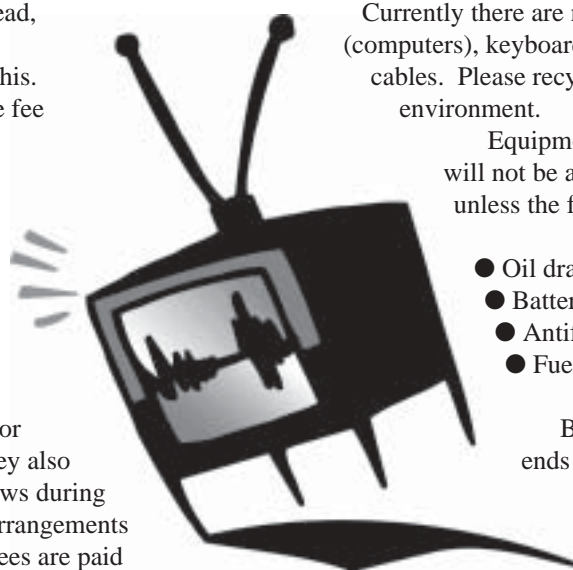
in advance.

Currently there are no fees for the disposal of CPUs (computers), keyboards, mice, printers, cell phones or cables. Please recycle these items for a healthier environment.

Equipment or items with an engine/motor will not be accepted for disposal at the landfill unless the following substances are removed:

- Oil drained (and plug removed)
- Battery
- Antifreeze
- Fuel

Barrels must be drained and both ends removed. ■



Fall Leaf Collections Scheduled

The first Leaf Collection is scheduled to start on November 8th, 2004 and run for two (2) weeks. All property owners are requested to rake leaves to the street line by 8:00 AM on their first scheduled pick-up day. To prevent clogging, do not rake leaves in ditch lines or gutters. Locate leaves so that vehicles are not blocking them. Do not put brush, limbs, rocks or other debris with the leaves. If you have any questions please call Public Works at (540) 347-1858.

The second Leaf Collection is scheduled for December 6th - 17th, 2004. ■



First Leaf Collection

Area A: Monday & Tuesday, 11/8 & 9
Area B: Wednesday & Friday, 11/10 & 12
 (Thursday -- Holiday)
Area C: Monday & Tuesday, 11/15 & 16
Area D: Wednesday & Thursday, 11/17 & 18
Area E: Friday, 11/19

Second Leaf Collection

Area A: Monday & Tuesday, 12/6 & 7
Area B: Wednesday & Thursday, 12/8 & 9
Area C: Friday & Monday, 12/10 & 13
Area D: Tuesday & Wednesday, 12/14 & 15
Area E: Thursday & Friday, 12/16 & 17

Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule

Columbus Day (Monday, 10/11/04)

Monday, 10/11 -- Holiday; no refuse collection
Tuesday, 10/12 -- Monday's refuse collection
Wednesday, 10/13 -- Tuesday's refuse plus recycling collections (cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)
Thursday & Friday, 10/14 & 15 -- Regular refuse collections

Veterans Day (Thursday, 11/11/04)

Monday, 11/8 -- Regular refuse collection
Tuesday, 11/9 -- Regular refuse collection
Wednesday, 11/10 -- Regular recycling collections (cardboard, newspaper & blue bags)
Thursday, 11/11 -- Holiday; no refuse collection
Friday, 11/12 -- Thursday and Friday's refuse collections

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Historic District Register



You're Invited! ARB Hosts First Open House

The members of the Warrenton Architectural Review Board and the Town of Warrenton invite property owners in the Warrenton Historic District and others interested in the District to the first Historic District Open House, October 14 at Town Hall.

The Open House is one of several ARB initiatives to enhance the ARB's service to residents of the Historic District. Ideally, the Open House will become the first of a series of meetings and lectures intended to help educate property owners on issues relating to owning older properties, and to address questions residents have.

The agenda for the kick-off meeting on October 14 includes:

- ◆ A video presentation discussing the importance of maintaining the Historic District's resources;
- ◆ The re-institution of the Historic District awards, which will be presented to property owners before members of the Town Council at the Open House;
- ◆ An introduction to the Warrenton Historic District and procedures for obtaining certificates of appropriateness; and
- ◆ A question and answer period for property owners with ARB members and Town Staff.

The Open House will be Thursday, October 14, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at Town Hall. ■

Preservation Resources for Citizens

It is never too early to start on a home improvement project. As the busy summer comes to a close and you prepare for a less hectic fall and winter, check out some of these resources for next spring's big project. All are available at the Fauquier County Public Library, located at 11 Winchester Street:

- ◆ Historic Preservation in Small Towns: A Manual of Practice, by Arthur P. Ziegler, Call Number: 363.ZIE.
- ◆ Preservation, by Peter Svenson, Call Number: 363.69 SVE.

◆ Restoring Houses of Brick and Stone, by Nigel Hutchins, Call Number: OV 643.7 HUT.

◆ Historic Building Construction: Design, Materials and Technology, by Donald Friedman, Call Number: 690.24 FRI.

◆ Walls & Molding: How to Care for Old and Historic Woods and Plaster, by Natalie W. Shivers, Call Number: 693.6 SHI.

◆ The Restoration Manual: An Illustrated Guide to the Preservation and Restoration of Old Buildings, by Orin Miles Bullock, Call Number: 721.072 BUL.

◆ Preserving Porches, by Renee Kahn, Call Number: 728.028 KAH.

The Town of Warrenton also maintains its own small preservation library in the Department of Planning & Community Development. Resources are available for citizens during regular office hours at Town Hall, located at 18 Court Street. In addition, Town staff is available to provide information regarding the Historic District and permitting needs. ■

ARB Welcomes Mike Baldauf

The Architectural Review Board in July welcomed Michael Baldauf as its newest member. Mike brings considerable expertise in residential and commercial construction, as well as his personal enthusiasm for restoring older and historic houses, to his role.

Mike recently retired from a 30-year career in commercial construction management and recently has focused on restoring architecturally and historically significant properties. Mike currently lives in Moorhead, which was built in 1914 on Alexandria Pike. He has overseen the restoration of several historic properties and owns property in the Warrenton Historic District.

"In his short time on the ARB, Mike already has proven a strong asset by bringing his expertise of materials and construction techniques to aid applicants in their projects," says ARB Chairman Roger Martella. "He also brings a fond appreciation for preserving properties, while staying cognizant of the modern demands placed on owners of older homes." ■



Town Office Hours and Telephone Numbers

Town Office Hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

The area code is 540 unless otherwise noted.

Economic Development	347-6574
Finance Department	347-1102
Inspections	347-2405
Maintenance Shop	347-1858
Police Department	
Office of the Chief	347-1105
Police Station	347-1107
Non-emergency	347-1100
Emergency	911
Planning and Zoning	347-2405
Recycling	347-1858
Sewage Plant	347-1104
Town Hall	347-1101
Town Manager	347-4505
Utilities	347-6574
Water Bills	347-2678
Water Plant	347-1103
TTD/TTY	1-800-828-1120

**After Hours Water and Sewer Emergency
347-1100**

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Thanksgiving Day (Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26, 2004)

Monday, 11/22 -- Regular refuse

Tuesday, 11/23 -- Regular refuse

Wednesday, 11/24 -- Regular recycling collections
(cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)

Thursday & Friday, 11/25 & 26 -- Holidays; no refuse
collection



There will be a refuse truck available at the Public Works Facility at 360 Falmouth Street during the holiday for anyone wishing to dispose of any excess trash. During the Thanksgiving holiday, there also will be a truck at the Oak Springs Plaza Shopping Center, in front of Tractor Supply. ■

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